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State Library Newsletter

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Message from the State Librarian

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This month, we have been given the okay to start in-person outreach. State library staff may be contacting you over the next few months to schedule new director and in-person grant support visits. We do have a goal of visiting all of the state's tax-supported libraries,

but realize that we have to start slow and will continue to monitor COVID hot spots in the state as we make plans.

If you have particular programs (especially those that are grant funded!) that you'd like us to attend or ribbon cuttings/ceremonies coming up, let us know! While we may not be able to attend everything, we certainly want to be aware of opportunities to celebrate with you.

I admit, all of us are excited yet a bit anxious about traveling, but visiting libraries in person is a critical part of what we do... and we have missed it and you.

So, as the song says, we can't wait to "get on the road again!"

Missouri State Library News

FY2022 State Budget News

The budget passed to the Governor for signature in May includes:

- **State Aid:** \$3,504,001 (Same as last year)
- **REAL Program:** \$3,109,250 (An increase of \$1,109,250)
- **Athletes and Entertainers Tax Funding (A&E):** \$3,740,000 (An increase of \$2,964,000)

State Library staff are working with MOREnet to help determine how best to use the REAL Program increase. All public libraries certified to

receive state aid will see an increase in their A&E payments. However, note all state funding is still subject to restriction at a later date.

Thank you to all who met with your legislators to impress upon them how important libraries are in serving their communities. You made a difference!





Submitting Annual Reports

Most libraries in Missouri are required by statute to submit annual reports to the Missouri State Library. Libraries need to be aware of their reporting requirements to their Board and to the Missouri State Library. Generally, reports are due four months after the end of the library's fiscal year. Annual reports should provide a summary of the condition of the library and services,

as well as provide fiscal information from the recently completed fiscal year. Consolidated and urban library districts will also require the submission of an audit report by an independent auditing firm. Below are the relevant due dates for submitting reports to the state library and links to the relevant statutes by library type:

Library Type	Submission Due Date	Missouri Revised Statute
County	April 30	182.075
Municipal and City-Budget	12 weeks after end of fiscal year	182.210
Consolidated	Oct. 31	182.647
Urban	Sept. 30	182.713

The reports may be submitted by:

Email: mostlib@sos.mo.gov OR Fax: (573) 751-3612

Northstar Digital Literacy Free Assessments

Northstar Digital Literacy helps define basic digital skills needed to perform functions online and on computers. They have self-guided models that help individuals see how they rate in the following areas: essential computer skills, essential software skills and using technology in daily life. The complete comprehensive resources are available for a fee, offering free digital literacy assessments. These assessments include internet basics, basic computer skills, using email, Windows, Mac OS, Microsoft

Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Docs, social media information literacy, supporting K-12 distance learning, career search skills and digital footprint. Each assessment provides a brief orientation if needed and provides audio and closed captioning. At the end of each assessment, you are given the the percentage of correct answers, explaining in detail what was incorrect and provides a certificate of completion. To access this helpful resource click here: [Northstar](#).

Summer Reading Program Workshops

Jenifer Strauss of [Story Be Told](#) will be presenting three summer reading program workshops in October. The children's workshop will be held on Oct. 5 at 10 a.m.; the teen workshop will be

Oct. 6 at 10 a.m.; and the adult workshop will be held on Oct. 7 at 10 a.m. All three workshops will be held virtually. Be sure to mark your calendar. Registration information will be coming soon.



Children and Teens Services Forum

The Children and Teens Services Forum is held on the first Friday of each month at 10 a.m. Lisa Hellman, Youth Services Librarian for Wolfner Library will be sharing Inclusive Storytime on June 4. On July 2, Stephanie Smallwood, Youth Services Coordinator at Springfield-Greene

County Library District will be sharing the StoryQuest program. Aug. 6 will be an open forum to discuss your summer reading programs. If you have not already done so, you can sign up for the Children and Teens Services Forum [here](#).

Understanding Compassion Fatigue in Your Library, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m.

During this session, led by Trainer/Library Consultant Linda Bruno, you will learn what "compassion fatigue" is, how you can recognize it, how it affects your working environment, and

what you can do about it. Registration is required and can be completed at [Understanding Compassion Fatigue](#).

Effective Library Boards

This four-part webinar series, led by Bonnie McKewon from the State Library of Iowa, will provide library directors and trustees of all types, sizes, and budgets with information on library board basics, including roles and responsibilities, library policies, effective board meetings, and the importance of telling your library's story. Registration is for the series and can be completed at [Effective Library Boards](#).

Each session, open to library directors and board members, will last one hour and begin at 7 p.m. Topics and dates are:

- **July 13:** Problem-Solving the Upstream Way.
- **Sept. 14:** Policies for Results: An Overview.
- **Nov. 9:** The Art of the Board Meeting.
- **Jan. 11, 2022:** The Board's Role in Storytelling.

Basic Supervision Webinar Series

This four-part webinar series, presented by Tiffany Hentschel, will train library directors and others in library supervisory positions on legal responsibilities, people skills, performance assessments, and coaching and mentoring, to improve the knowledge and skills of staff involved in library administration and management. Each session will last one hour and begin at 10 a.m. Registration is required and can

be completed at [Basic Supervision](#). Topics and dates are:

- **Oct. 29 and Nov. 12:** Human Resources 101
- **Nov. 19:** Creating a Welcoming and Inclusive Workplace Culture
- **Dec. 10:** Motivation and Performance Management

MALAPro Webinars

Technology Ownership: Examine the Total Cost with Lauren Hays, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology, University of Central Missouri, Wednesday, June 9, 2-3 p.m.

Needing to buy new technology for your library? Have you considered the total cost of ownership? Librarians need to be informed fully before deciding where to allocate funds. Join Lauren Hays, as she examines a total cost of ownership

model and provides helpful tips for how librarians can decide what technology is worth the cost. More information and registration is available at [Technology Ownership](#).

***How to Handle That Dreaded Discipline Problem* with Linda Bruno, Consultant, Wednesday, June 23, 2-3 p.m.**

There is no doubt about it – for many of us, handling discipline is probably one of the things we dread most about our jobs. So often, we try to ignore it, hoping it will go away. Does it? Rarely. Join Linda Bruno, as she discusses just what needs to be done when you know you have a

discipline problem that needs to be addressed. She'll look at why some of us tend to actually avoid those problems and why some of us tackle them right away. More information and registration are available at [How to Handle That Dreaded Discipline Problem](#).



MOREnet Training

A Technical Training Summit is being hosted by MOREnet providing a hands-on, deep dive into different topics. The Summit will be in-person with physical distancing at the MOREnet training rooms from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Due to limited space be sure to register early at [Technical Training Summit](#). The dates and topics are:

- **June 9:** Securing your Windows Server 2019
- **June 30:** Securing the Workplace with Logging
- **July 14:** Fortinet for Libraries
- **August 4:** Building your Cybersecurity Awareness Program

Amigos Upcoming Webinars

Amigos provides webinars on a wide range of topics, including a weekly Know & Go series. A list of upcoming webinars is available at [Amigos' Continuing Education Services](#). Trainings offered in June and early July are:

- **June 7:** Know & Go: Tiny But Mighty: How Tiny Libraries Can Help Their Rural Communities Thrive
- **June 8-10:** A Librarian's Guide to Providing Library Services to Patrons with Mental Disorders and Improving Self-Care
- **June 14:** Know & Go: Teaching in the Library: Applying Learning Theories to Support Our Communities
- **June 15-16:** Pieces of My Story: African American Genealogy Workshop
- **June 17:** Library Management: Managing Personnel
- **June 21:** Know & Go: Census Records for Genealogy
- **June 23:** Reference Policies
- **June 24:** Electronic Resource Management: Acquisition and Implementation
- **June 28-July 1:** Reference and Information Services
- **June 28:** Know and Go: Learning New Languages
- **June 29:** Electronic Resource Management: Maintenance and Troubleshooting
- **July 1:** Electronic Resource Management: Assessment and Preservation

Reference Services for YOU: Water and Energy Databases

With broadband grants, gas shortages, and clean electricity in the news, energy and utilities may be on your patrons' minds a little more than usual lately. Tools from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources are available to help keep your patrons updated on price trends, water quality, and utility providers in your area.

- [Missouri Energy Bulletins](#): These energy bulletins provide biweekly updates describing trends in prices for gasoline, natural gas, and propane over the previous year.
- [Utilities Directory](#): Summer is peak moving season! To help with the transition, this lookup shows the local service providers for gas, water, electricity, and internet in any Missouri county.
- [Water System Search](#): Where does your water come from? This database shows ground and surface sources, facilities, storage sites, and recent quality testing results.

- [Energy and Water Publications](#): For more information on drinking water, alternative energy, and related issues, check out our topic collections on [Water](#) and [Energy](#) in our Missouri State Publications collection.

Need help? If you or a patron have questions about government information or resources available through the State Library, please contact Reference Services by phone, email, or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help!

Phone: (573) 751-3615

Email: libref@sos.mo.gov

Chat: visit mostate.libguides.com and click the "Ask Us" tab on the right



New Books From The Missouri State Library

[Dynamic Discipline](#)

[Future-Proof Your Team](#)

[Win 'Em Over](#)

[Privacy and Security Online](#)

[Hot-Ticket Meetings](#)

[Libraries Amid Protest: Books, Organizing, and Global Activism](#)

[Financial Management for Libraries](#)

[Libraryland: It's All About the Story](#)

[Mother Goose on the Loose](#)

[The Readers' Advisory Guide to Genre Fiction](#)

We are pleased to offer direct borrowing from the Missouri State Library to Missouri public library directors and branch managers for continuing education and professional development.

State Library cards are issued in the name of the library director or branch manager. Directors and branch managers are encouraged to borrow items for any of their library's staff with this card by placing a request in our [catalog](#).

To sign up for a card, visit our [guide for Missouri public library directors](#). The guide also features new books, government publications, and other helpful resources.

For assistance with placing requests, obtaining a card, replacing a card, or for additional information, please contact Reference Services by phone, email, or chat. We are available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and are always happy to help!

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Around the State

Welcome New Director!

Renee Brumett at Christian County Library

Grant Opportunities

Bicentennial Program Grant – Deadline Extended

The Bicentennial Program Grant application deadline has been extended to Sept. 15! Aug. 10, marks the 200th anniversary of Missouri statehood. To celebrate this milestone, the Bicentennial Program Grant is being offered to Missouri public libraries certified to receive state aid, along with Missouri school libraries that are publicly supported and publicly controlled,

and Missouri academic libraries, either publicly supported or private to bring an educational presentation to their community. Collaboration between local academic, school and public libraries will be given high priority. Questions? Contact Matt Butler, Digitization Consultant, at matthew.butler@sos.mo.gov or (573) 522-1477.

Author Visit Grant • DEADLINE: Ongoing

This grant is specifically designed for school or public libraries to bring an author to their community. Virtual events are also applicable. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000. All travel for the author must be included as part of a flat rate fee for the author. Other additional costs allowable: publicity and promotional items, to \$500 towards library materials for collection development related to the project, additional

staff hours, and transportation for youth from school or licensed childcare. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. Questions? Contact Lysha Thompson, Youth Services Consultant, at (573) 522-9564 or lysha.thompson@sos.mo.gov.

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Individual Training Events • DEADLINE: Ongoing

Interested in attending a professional development opportunity, but need additional funds? Show Me Steps to Continuing Education grants provide reimbursement for up to 75% of the costs of an eligible, non-credit continuing education event. These grants are supported by

IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about Show Me Steps grant opportunities, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.

Show Me Steps to Continuing Education: Group Training Events • DEADLINE: Ongoing

Do you want to bring an expert to your library for training? This competitive grant program provides funds for a host library or library consortium to plan and provide group training on current, relevant, unique and/or in-demand topics at a local, regional or statewide level. Grants range from \$500 up to \$8,000. Virtual events are also

applicable. These grants are supported by IMLS under the provision of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library. If you have questions about this Show Me Steps grant opportunity, please contact Merideth Johnson at (573) 751-1822 or merideth.johnson@sos.mo.gov.